

Soviet Anti-Base Campaign

1. The Soviet 21 January warning to Baghdad Pact members, following on the heels of the Soviet warning to NATO members and other Western European nations, underlines clearly the need for an information program and campaign to support and clarify US offers and intentions of stationing missile units under the auspices of various collective security groupings. These communiques also serve to indicate the need for a US program to regain the peace offensive and to counteract Soviet characterizations of the US as an aggressive nation intent upon its plan to promote capitalistic encirclement of the Soviet bloc.

2. We suggest that this entire problem merits consideration of the OCB with a view toward designing countermeasures to:

a. Present the United States in a favorable and peaceful context;

b. Reinforce awareness of the need for defensive deterrent capabilities in view of Soviet threats, boasts, and broken promises;

c. Reinforce awareness of the peaceful obligations of all adherents of the United Nations Charter and reaffirm the oft-stated promise of the US and other members of collective security arrangements that such collective organizations will never undertake aggression;


d. Create awareness of the sincere desire of the people of the United States for peace in terms of President Eisenhower's January reply to the 10 December note from Soviet Premier Bulganin;

e. Effect consideration of the entire problem as one for NATO planning and encourage the development of NATO information programs.

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3. We believe that information programs along the lines outlined above could most appropriately be designed by the Department of Defense and the United States Information Agency, for use by military attaches in their contacts, for use by the Department of State in its diplomatic and NATO contacts, for use by the US Information Agency in its programs, and for use by CIA. We believe that such information programs should be considered a priority need not only within the U. S. Government community but within the entire range of activities of NATO and all collective security agreements in which the United States is a participant.